

# Sherpa Fire Information



For Immediate Release  
Date: June 19, 2016 AM

## Sherpa Fire

**Location:** West of Goleta, Santa Barbara County, Los Padres National Forest.

<b>Acres Burned:</b>	7,811	<b>Structures Threatened:</b>	270
<b>Containment:</b>	45%	<b>Structures Destroyed:</b>	1
<b>Fire Started:</b>	June 15, 2016	<b>Injuries:</b>	2
<b>Cause:</b>	Under investigation		
<b>Total personnel assigned to the Fire:</b>	2,016		

### Summary

Anticipated downhill (“sundowner”) winds were less than anticipated overnight. This resulted in little fire activity and the boundaries of the fire remained close to what they were yesterday. Today firefighters will continue to work on building and reinforcing containment lines along the north and east sides of the fire and along the Camino Cielo Ridge. Ground crews are being supported by air helicopters and air tankers. Crews will also be initiating contingency lines.

U.S. Highway 101 is open and was not closed last night. Fire activity along Highway 101 is continuously being evaluated by fire managers and the California Highway Patrol and may be closed if unsafe conditions occur.

The communities surrounding the Sherpa Fire can expect to see smoke throughout the day and increasing during the evening hours. Outdoor activities should be planned for times when smoke levels are low. Upslope winds occur during the day, which will often take smoke into higher elevations. In the evening these winds change direction and bring smoke back downslope.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has implemented a temporary flight restriction for the airspace around the Sherpa Fire burn zone, including West Goleta and nearby incident command posts. This restriction applies to all manned and unmanned aircraft systems. Drones can pose a safety hazard and delay firefighting aviation operations in the area.

### **Evacuations:**

- **Mandatory Evacuation orders:** remain in effect for Refugio Canyon, Venadito Canyon, Las Flores Canyon, El Capitan Canyon, El Capitan State Beach, El Capitan Ranch, and Canada de la Destiladera; and the area east of the Refugio burn area up to Calle Lippizana, near the equestrian center.
- **Evacuation Warning:** is in place for the areas east of El Capitan Canyon to Farren Road; Las Llagas Canyon, Gato Canyon, Las Varas Canyon, Dos Pueblos Canyon, and Eagle Canyon

A Red Flag warning is in effect from 3 PM, Sunday, June 19, 2016, through 10 AM, Tuesday, June 21, 2016.



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